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at number two with \$98 billion, followed by Berkshire Hathaway's **Warren Buffett**, 89, at \$67.5 billion and local resident, Oracle tycoon **Larry Ellison**, 75, at number five with \$59 billion.

Facebook founder **Mark Zuckerberg**, 35, is number seven with \$54.7 billion.

Google honcho **Eric Schmidt**, 64, who lives on **Ellen DeGeneres**'s former estate near Lotusland, is ranked at 84 with \$13.2 billion.

Dallas Cowboys owner **Jerry Jones**, 77, who is a frequent visitor when his NFL team is in summer training in Oxnard, is at 169 with \$8 billion, while *Stars Wars* producer **George Lucas**, 75, who has a beach house near Oscar winner **Kevin Costner** on Padaro Lane, is at 375 with \$4.6 billion.

Rosewood Miramar owner and Los Angeles real estate developer **Rick Caruso**, 61, is ranked 565 with \$3.4 billion, while Beanie Baby billionaire **Ty Warner**, 75, owner of the Biltmore and San Ysidro Ranch, is at 804 with \$2.6 billion.

Former TV talk show titan **Oprah Winfrey**, 66, is at 836 with \$2.5 billion, the same ranking as Montecito mall magnate **Herb Simon**, 85.

Losing the Loins of Longleat

Alexander Thynn, the 7th Marquess of Bath, owner of the Elizabethan stately pile, Longleat House, who has died at the age of 87 after contracting

COVID-19, was one of Britain's most colorful and eccentric aristocrats.

At an imposing 6'5", with flowing shoulder length hair and straggly beard, and colorful outfits more befitting Woodstock, the Old Etonian and ex Life Guards officer, was chate-lain of an impressive 9,000-acre estate, which was one of the first to feature lions in 1966 when his father, the sixth marquess – a keen collector of Nazi memorabilia – introduced them to the sprawling Wiltshire property.

Given his libidinous lifestyle, the media dubbed him the Loins of Longleat, and he housed his many girlfriends, who he called "wifelets," in houses dotted around the estate.

The news of his passing particularly impacted on State Street Ballet board member **Arlyn Goldsby**, who knew Alexander and his mother Anna, after meeting many years ago at a London fashion event.

"She was absolutely divine," recounts Arlyn, who used to own the store Objects on Coast Village Road. "We were invited to lunch at Longleat and Alex was reclined on a chaise with his long-haired dachshunds.

"I remember vividly sitting at a huge table for lunch when the butler appeared and said, 'My Lord, the *London Times* is on the phone. It was like a scene out of a Julian Fellowes movie."

Arlyn and her late husband, Marlowe, made a point of visiting the

aristocratic family each year they were in England.

"Over the years we met many of Alex's female friends on the train on our trips down there. He was an utterly fascinating and charming individual."

Pandemic Plies



Rodney Gustafson's State Street Ballet ranked in *Entertainment Weekly*

Rodney Gustafson's State Street Ballet, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary, is featured in *Entertainment Weekly*'s list of "must be watched" videos for dance lovers.

The performance, *Cinderella*, choreographed by Rodney and ballet master **Marina Fliagina**, airs on WNET's All Arts program, and shares the accolade with Kansas City Ballet's *The Wizard of Oz*, **Alexander Ekman**'s *A Swan Lake*, and the Mariinsky Theatre's production of George Balanchine's *Jewels*.

At least some light in the darkness...

Lending a Hand

TV talk show host **Ellen DeGeneres** and actress wife **Portia de Rossi** were spotted delivering boxes of coronavirus supplies to the Montecito Fire Department, a tiara's toss or two from their East Valley Road home.

The actress's art company, General Public, has been making face masks for medical workers.

Both wore masks and disposable gloves while hauling the extra large Home Depot boxes.

Portia's company can make tens of thousands of masks a day, she says. Brava!

Flower Power

The Dream Foundation has suspended its popular Flower Empower program delivering blooms to the elderly and ill.

However local orchid growers Gallup and Stribling has donated 220 bouquets and Westerlay Orchids has given 840 plants, with the charity's floral coordinator **Valerie Banks** setting up a drive-through at the

foundation's office with instructions for "ding dong delivery" for volunteers.

The flowers were delivered to community center centers and Heritage House, Serenity House, and Sarah House, local fire stations and Los Robles Hospital in Thousand Oaks.

The charity's 10th annual Flower Empower lunch is scheduled for June 25 at the Rockwood Woman's Club.

A blooming good idea...

Thank you, Ty

Beanie Baby billionaire **Ty Warner**'s magnanimous offer to provide \$1,000-plus a night rooms at his five-star Four Season Hotel in New York for frontline and medical workers during the coronavirus pandemic has, not surprisingly, been well oversubscribed.

The ritzy 52-story 682-ft. high hospitality was told it was only safe to use 225 of its 360 rooms, and only 25 guests a day should be checked in.

Everyone registering into the East 57th Street hotel is screened, with staff taking each person's temperature and asking questions about their health.

After guests check out, their rooms are left empty for three days, then deep cleaned and disinfected.

Ty, 75, is footing the bill for the entire operation.

"I'm gratified everyone associated with the hotel was able to pull together and do something that's never been done before, especially under such challenging circumstances," he says.

Pearl of Wisdom

Santa Barbara warbler **Katy Perry** plans to name her daughter with British actor **Orlando Bloom** after her late grandmother.

The 35-year-old singer's paternal grandmother, **Ann Pearl Hudson**, died last month shortly after the former Dos Pueblos High student announced her pregnancy.

"It was Katy's grandmother who made Katy the woman and fighter she is today," says friend.

"Her granny survived the Great Depression making G strings for showgirls in Vegas. Katy believes that it is no coincidence that as her granny's soul leaves the earth another soul arrives."

Protecting the Community

Santa Barbara fashion designer **Catherine Gee** is doing her part in helping with the coronavirus pandemic.

Her company has partnered with Grant House Sewing and donated hundreds of yards of cotton linen for face masks, which will be given to doctors, nurses, and the local community.

Additionally, the companies have donated stock fabrics to LAProtects.org, which is working with local man-



Longleat House, the Elizabethan stately pile home of Alexander Thynn (photo by Saffron Blaze)



Arlyn Goldsby and Marquess of Bath